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1221 Newton Street,
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Mr. C. A. Evans,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Evans:

Three weeks ago I received a letter from Dr. C. J. Lin inviting me to join the staff of the history department at the Fukien Christian University, Shaowu, China. He informed me that he has already contacted with you concerning my return in the near future. However, he suggested that should I not hear from you, it is better for me to get in touch with you directly regarding my plans. I am most appreciative to know that you will help me to arrange for my passage home.

I shall be ready to leave Washington in the early part of August in order to arrive Shaowu in time for the fall term. If you would be so kind as to furnish me a clergy certificate across the continent, I shall be very much obliged. Can you advise me which route is the prettiest and not expensive from this city to San Francisco? With respect to the steamer ticket, is there any chance for the application of the clergy certificate? The tourist class of the President line (for instance, S.S. President Coolidge) will be suitable for me. If it isn't too much trouble for you, I would like to have your assistance in finding out the sailing schedules for me.

A thousand thanks for all the trouble!

Sincerely yours,

Julia I.H. Chen

Julia I.H. Chen.

P. S. Can you suggest which boat of the President line is most comfortable?

February 17, 1941

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
1221 Newton Street
Brookland, D. C.

Dear Miss Chen:

Just yesterday I was reading Dr. Lin's letter regarding the invitation that has been extended to you to join Fukien Christian University. Apparently he was anxious to have you reach Shaowu in time for the Spring Semester. However, as your letter was likewise delayed this seems impossible. For the time being, therefore, I think it is best for us to explore the possibility of us getting reservations for you early in August, and the route across continent can be arranged later on.

The loan of $300.00 which we are authorized to make will hardly permit of your traveling as second class. Are you prepared to travel third class? Or, have you other means which would supplement the loan from the University?

At the present time the sailings for August are not announced and the best we can do is to file an application for the boat sailing next to that date.

Will you not kindly write me further as soon as possible so that we can take immediate steps toward securing your reservation.

With many thanks for writing, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

1221 Newton St.
Brookland, D.C.
Feb. 18, 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Many thanks for your kind letter which reached me this afternoon.

As regards the traveling expenses, I have no idea about how much it will cost from here home. Can you tell me approximately how much for the second class together with the train fare? If it is about fifty dollars beyond the proposed loan, may be I shall be able to manage it. If it is lots more than $350.00, then I have no fund to supplement. Is it possible for the University to loan me another fifty dollars?

I don't mind to travel by third class if I ~~am~~ were not such a bad sailor. Last time when I came to the States, inspite of the fact that I took the second class of a nice steamer, I could hardly get up and almost ate nothing throughout the voyage. Therefore, I am afraid that should I try third class this time, I might be even worse and shall not be fitful to work when I reach the destination.

Any way, please kindly find out the approximate cost for me, then we'll decide what to take. Thank you very much for your assistance .

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,
Julia I.H. Chen
Julia I.H. Chen.

P.S. How much will the third class cost? Will you also find out for me? Thank you.

March 1, 1941

Miss Julia I. H. Chem
1221 Newton Street
Brookland, D. C.

Dear Miss Chem:

Pardon my not answering your letter of February 18th more promptly. However, recently we have gone through some reorganization processes in our office which has delayed routine work.

As a staff member of Fukien you will be able to cross the continent for around $60.00. Third class fare on the Pacific will amount to about $110.00. Second class would be in the neighborhood of $225.00 according to the boat available. Travel and expenses in China may run to $100.00 more before you arrive at Fukien.

We shall not hesitate to advance you an additional $50.00 if you find it necessary to have same, although the paying back of this amount in local currency would be rather difficult.

Please do not worry too much about this as we will all know more about the situation when the time approaches for your sailing. We can, however, proceed to get your clergy certificates which you will be able to use at any time you need to travel. Eastern and Western blanks are enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Applied for Eastern Western clergies 3/10

1221 Newton St.
Brookland, D. C.
March 9, 1941

Ack
3/10

Mr. C. Q. Evans,
150 Fifth Ave,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Many thanks for your kind letter of March 1st, and I do appreciate your helpful information.

Herewith are enclosed the Eastern and Western blanks which you sent me. I am sorry that the Eastern one is not written neatly. In regard to question 6 I hesitated for a long time to put down "yes", for my present work is somewhat secular in nature - still attending school.

As you have suggested, I need not worry too much concerning passage home. In the meantime I shall not decide which class I am going to take. But I'll get in touch with you again before long.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,
Julia H. Chen

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letter from Julia I. H. Chen March 9, 1941

March 10, 1941

To Whom It May Concern:

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Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America

We believe Miss Chen to be fully entitled to receive a clergy fare certificate.

Very truly yours,

CAE:RC

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CAE:RC

June 18, 1941

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
1221 Newton Street
Brookland, D. C.

Dear Miss Chen:

Since discussing with you in February about your return to China, many questions have been raised regarding how this can be accomplished. The principal thing is what boats are available. The American President Lines are no longer operating, although it is hoped that in the near future a boat will be available.

Do you wish us to proceed with an endeavor to get you any other sailing which is possible, and how do you feel about a Japanese boat?

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS,
Acting Executive Secretary and
Associate Treasurer.

CAE/B

1221 Newton St.
Brookland, D.C.
June 24, 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

Many thanks to your kind note of June 18th. I must apologize this delayed reply on account of my bad cold which confined me in bed for days.

I heard this morning that some of the American Liners will assume operation at the end of August or the beginning of September. Are there any other sailings beside the President Lines? I'll be very grateful if you find out for me their sailing dates and charges.

Very bad news reached me three days ago. My father sent me an air mail letter from Singapore stating that our city, Foochow, has fallen into the Japanese hands since April 21. The occupation of the city has brought enormous destruction of property and loss of lives. The whereabouts of our relatives are still unknown.

The point is that Dr. Lin's letter which reached me in February advised me to go Shaowu through Foochow. Now owing to the recent turn of events I have no idea how to get to Shaowu from Shanghai. I like to avoid passing through any occupied area. Do you happen to know any other way to get there?

No, I don't like to go by a Japanese boat. My trip has to be postponed if there are no other sailings available. Much obliged for all the trouble.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
Julia I. H. Chen
Julia I. H. Chen

June 25, 1941

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
1221 Newton Street
Brookland, D. C.

Dear Miss Chen:

Your letter of June 24th is at hand and I am enclosing a letter which we are forwarding to a group of Chinese friends who are heading back for China. This will answer your question about sailings for the time being.

The best way for you to go is by way of Shanghai and keep in touch with our Mission Treasurers' office. Any individual therein will be able to help you in arranging the sailings for Foochow or travel into the interior by some other route. They will know best.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B
Enc.

1221 Newton St.
Brookland, D.C.
June 27, 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of June 25th was received. Thank you very much for it. Yesterday I have a conference with my professors (a committee of advisers for my thesis). At first they told me that my oral examinations will be taken in July, so that I could return China in August. But now some of them have changed their minds, and decided to go away during the next two months. Hence, my oral examinations must be postponed until the end of August.

Since I can not afford to leave America without attaining the Ph. D. degree, I'll have to be patient and wait until then in order to complete thelast stage of my effort. Will you kindly list my name in the sailings at the beginning of September?

By the way there is a friend of mine, Miss Virginia Tsien, who also came from Hwa Nan College, and is planning to return to Foochow. It would be marvellous if she could accompany me home. Can you list her name in the same sailing date with me? Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Julia I. H. Chen

Julia I. H. Chen.

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1221 Newton Street,
Brookland, D.C.
July 19, 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of July 17th was received. Thank you a thousand times for the valuable information, which I certainly will regard as confidential.

As other lines are not practical for my purpose, I choose the American President Line. However, I cannot afford to pay $365 for the first class passage; therefore, I have to take the steerage births for $90. Will you kindly make two reservations of the steerage births for my friend and me? Miss Ts'ien, as I have told you earlier, is my classmate from Hwa Nan College. She is going back to the same city with me and will work in a Christian institution too.

I wish that we could sail in August. But on account of my oral exams, our sailings have to be postponed until the beginning of September. I hope that conditions will not grow worse before then.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,
Julia I.H. Chen
Julia I.H. Chen.

July 29, 1941

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
1221 Newton Street
Brookland, Wash., D. C.

Dear Miss Chen:

I have been working on your request for passage sometime in September but without results. The American President Lines are now operating only first-class steamers, and the first one will leave October 17. There are other possibilities on Dutch liners by way of Manila, but this requires at least six people to fill a third-class room. It is possible there will be a sailing early in September on one of these boats, and, if you wish me to make the effort, I will ascertain if there are any applications which will assist you in securing such a passage. You will understand, of course, that recent conditions make it even more difficult to secure sailings for the Orient.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

CAE:D

1221 Newton St.,
Brookland, D.C.
Aug. 13, 1941

Mr. C.A. Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you ever so much for you letter of July 29th. I have been sick last week, so I could not answer it right away.

Two days ago I received a letter from my aunt in Shanghai advising me not to return China through Shanghai, because since the occupation of Foochow by the Japanese, there is no route to reach Shaowu from that port. In the meantime my relatives in Foochow are trying to get away.

My father is in Singapore. He and my aunt both suggested that it is better for me to sail to Singapore, and from whence to China. I don't really know how to decide, because it seems that Singapore will be involved in the turmoil too.

I am very anxious to get to Shaowu, and begin my work. But how to get there is indeed a great problem. According to your "Summary of the Shipping Situation on the Pacific", there are modern freighters making weekly sailings to Singapore from New York. Would it be too much trouble for you to find out whether there are fares less than $355, and whether there is room available for my friend and me?

Yes, I understand perfectly well that recent conditions make it unusually difficult to secure sailings for the Orient. I greatly appreciate your kind assistance.

With best regards,

Very truly yours,
Julia I. H. Chen,
Julia I. H. Chen.

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J. C. H. Chen
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August 15, 1941

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
1221 Newton Street
Brookland, D. C.

Dear Miss Chen:

I received your telegram in response to mine of the 15th, and consequently we have cancelled the reservation we were holding.

As there are no immediate prospects of other boats, we shall have to let it go for the time being.

Very truly yours,

CAE:RC

Acting Executive Secretary

ack. 8/20/41 JJO

1221 Newton St.
OK Brookland, D.C.
Aug. 18, 1041

Mr. C. A. Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I appreciate very much for your trouble of reserving the sailings for my friend and me to Manila, and I regretted that we could not accept the reservations. For one reason, it was because that my relatives in Shanghai urged me not to return to that port, since there is no way to reach Shaowu from there after the occupation of Foochow.

The second reason is that four of the five committee members, who will give me oral examinations on my thesis, are still out of town. They planned to come back after Labor Day; but after my urgent requests, they promised that they will examine me at the end of this month. Hence, it would be impossible for me to reach San Francisco in time for sailing on August 30th. I do hope that you will understand my difficulties, and I have been worrying so much since the Japanese have captured my native city. Besides, I have made inquiries in the Chinese Embassy concerning the route from Shanghai to Shaowu. They have informed me that there are no highways going through other than the route through Foochow, and it would be too dangerous for us, two girls, to travel through the occupied areas. We are not afraid of death; but we are afraid to face something that is worse than death, for one can never tell about the immoral, barbarious Nipponese soldiers. The Embassy people said that we must not risk ourselves this way. I think it's right, don't you?

If it would be possible for you to find out about the sailings to Singapore for me, I'll be very grateful. Perhaps I can use the Burma Road to reach China. According to the Shipping News that you have sent me sometime ago, there are modern freighters making weekly sailings to Singapore from New York. Would it be too much trouble for you to find out whether they are still operating, and whether the fares will be lower than $355? I hate to give you so much trouble, but your kind assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Julia I.H. Chen

Julia I.H. Chen.

OK for the [illegible] Shanghai

Ack. 8/27/41

20 August 1941

Dear Miss Chen:

Your letter of August 18 to Mr. Evans has reached the office while he is away on vacation. We wish to thank you for the explanation of your reasons for not being able to consider the sailing on August 30th. We have inquired this morning from the steamship company about passages to Singapore. The Java-Pacific Line informs us that the only boats they have going to Singapore are first-class accommodations and the cost of the ticket from Los Angeles or San Francisco is $445. These steamers go via the Dutch East Indies and do not call at Manila enroute. There will probably be no sailings available for Manila or Hongkong until considerably later in the fall.

A letter this morning from President Lin at Shaowu asks for information concerning your plans. He says that the way for a person to reach Shaowu safely is via Hongkong, flying from Hongkong to the capital of Kwantung Province and taking a bus from there to Shaowu. While this method is somewhat expensive, it apparently is safe in that the travel is through territory held by the Chinese.

As you proceed toward the completion of your oral examinations, we will be glad to know what further develops in your plans.

Sincerely yours,

JIP:e

Secretary

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
1221 Newton Street
Brookland
Washington, D. C.

1221 Newton Street,
Brookland, D.C.,
August 27, 1941.

Mr. Joseph I. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Many thanks for your kind letter of August 20th. For the last few days I have been considering over and over the information given by President Lin concerning the way of reaching Shaowu.

I regret that I shall be unable to go there for two reasons. First, I am not fit to fly. Secondly, I have no idea how much it will cost. Even if I could fly, I can not afford the expenses. While the gold exchange is so high, it will be unusually difficult for me to pay the loans with Chinese currency, and I must avoid debt as much as possible.

I am much obliged to your information regarding to the passage to Singapore. Since the people there are willing to take care of my traveling expenses, I am free from worry. Will you kindly find out the schedule of the sailings to Singapore for me, or can you ask the Java-Pacific Line whether they have agents here in Washington, so that I can get in touch with them directly in order to save you further trouble? Thank you very, very much for your valuable help.

As a matter of fact I prefer to work in China than in Singapore, for my interest is with the Christian colleges there. However, under the circumstances together with the pressing financial problems, I have to go to Singapore to earn some money in order to go to China.

Mr. Evans has been so kind to secure the clergy tickets for me sometime ago. Since I am not going to Shaowu right away, my privilege of using these tickets should be forfeited. I did not know that I shall be unable to join the University this year, so I have used four tickets from the Eastern Clergy Certificate of going to Baltimore, Md. However, the Western Clergy Certificate is all complete for I have not used one of them. Shall I return the latter tickets to you, and refund two dollars for the former certificate?

Please kindly let me know about the sailing schedules to Singapore at your earliest convenience. Your assistance is deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Julia I.H. Chen

Julia I.H. Chen.

Send Back

August 29, 1941

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
1221 Newton Street
Brookland,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Chen:

Your letter of August 27 has been received. We are indeed sorry to know that you feel you cannot undertake the journey to Shaowu. I know that President Lin will be greatly disappointed. A letter will be sent to him immediately, advising him of your decision and the reasons why you cannot come.

The Java-Pacific Line does not have any office in this part of the country except in New York. The sailings to Singapore are somewhat uncertain, although they have a steamer about every two weeks. I do not know how heavily these are booked, but I would suggest that you write to them here in New York and ask for information concerning the earliest available sailings for Singapore. Their address is:

Chrysler Building
Suite 527
405 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

In writing to them, you might address your letter to Mr. William C. Borgers.

You ask what you should do about your clergy certificates. I think it is best for you to return the western certificate and the remainder of the eastern certificates which you have not used.

We hope that your plans will work out satisfactorily, and that you will be able to make arrangements for a comfortable trip to Singapore.

Sincerely yours,

JIP:D

Assistant Secretary

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1221 Newton Street,
Brookland, D.C.
Aug. 29, 1941

Mr. C.A. Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Hope you have enjoyed a nice vacation. I am terribly sorry that I shall not be able to join the Fukien Christian University in the near future on account of the changing of events. President Lin advised me to fly from Hongkong, and I am not fit to do so. Besides, it is so expensive that I can not afford to pay.

Therefore, I have decided to go to Singapore, where I shall work in a Christian institution. Furthermore, I shall help in my father's church duties. I am sure that I shall miss the college work very much; but circumstances force me to do otherwise.

I have asked Mr. Parker concerning the clergy certificates, whether I return them or refund the money. He advised me to return them. The western clergy fare certificate is all complete; but I have used four of the tickets of the eastern certificate, when I went to Baltimore to make speeches in the missionary meetings. They have saved me altogether about eighty cents. If I only knew that I can not serve the University, I would not have used any of the clergy tickets.

Enclosed you'll find the two certificates, and I appreciate all your assistance and trouble.

With best wishes,

Truly yours,

Julia I.H. Chen

Julia I.H. Chen.

P. S. Please kindly inform Mr. Joseph Parker that I have already returned the clergy certificates. Many thanks.

September 5, 1941

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
1221 Newton Street
Brookland,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Chen:

Your letter of August 29 to Mr. Evans has been received together with the clergy certificates. Thank you very much for returning them so promptly.

All of us are sorry that your plans will not enable you to go to Shaowu, but we quite realize the difficulties involved. We hope that your plans for getting to Singapore will work out satisfactorily and that you will have opportunity there to make a fine contribution to the missionary work.

Sincerely yours,

J. P. Parker

Assistant Secretary

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October 14, 1941

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
1221 Newton Street
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Ack 10/14/41

FUKIEN CABLES ASKING YOU RECONSIDER AND COME TO SHAOWU

C. A. EVANS

339 E. 29th St.,
Baltimore, Md.,
Oct. 14, 1941.

Mr. C. A. Evans,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your telegram was received this evening. I thank you very much for it. Last week I have received another letter from President Lin which was forwarded to me by the Shanghai office. He thought I have already arrived Shanghai, and welcomed me to the F.C.U. family.

Of course, I have been planning to join the university for months. I felt rather reluctant when I gave up the position in Shaowu, because I am sure that I'll enjoy the work there. The main reasons for my not accepting the opportunity were the financial difficulties and the flying problems. Now, according to President Lin's letter, there is a route from Shanghai to Shaowu by land via Chuanchow. Therefore, the flying problem is solved. But the financial difficulty is still there. He did not realize that the amount of $300.00 is not enough to pay my passage to Shanghai. It is impossible for me as a student to pay the traveling expenses myself, especially now when the Chinese currency is so depreciated.

So the point is this. If the University is willing to help me to solve the financial problem by furnishing me the necessary funds to go home, I'll be glad to re-consider the offer. The condition regarding the $300.00 loan proposed by President Lin in his first letter should be applied to the total traveling expenses this time, whether be four or five hundred dollars. That is I need not pay back the loan for my passage to Shaowu if I'll work in the University for six years.

Please do not misunderstand my business-like frankness. As you know my monthly salary will be only $260.00 Mex. (about $18.00 U.S. currency), it will be very hard for me to pay any loans. Since things are so high in China these days, the small income is just enough for one to live. If I have to refund the loan, I don't know how I can do it without being a debtor all my life?

I love to work in the Christian institutions and serve China during these troubled days. Please keep me posted about the University's answer. I know it will be too late to attend this term. But if the University needs my service, I'll go back in December to join the spring session.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Julia I.H. Chen

Julia I.H. Chen.

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150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

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HSIHO
SHAOWU
CHINA

OCT. 15, 1941

JULIACHEN AVAILABLE SIX YEAR CONTRACT IF TRAVEL SHAOWU PROVIDED. CABLE.

EVANS

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

October 16, 1941

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
339 E. 29th Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Miss Chen:

I am grateful for your letter of October 14th and immediately cabled President Lin stating the situation.

I can thoroughly sympathize with you in the position you have taken and do not blame you in the least. You certainly must provide some way against such heavy indebtedness in the future.

I will let you know immediately as soon as word is received.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

SEE CABLE OF OCT 18/41 FR C J LIN

October 18, 1941

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10/20/41

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
339 E. 29th Street
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Miss Chen:

A cable has been received from President C. J. Lin authorizing us to confirm our understanding that you will go to Shaowu to teach at Fukien provided travel is paid by the University to Shaowu. This is a very radical step in your favor and, I believe, will justify your immediate consideration.

As they are greatly in need of your services, would you consider going to Shaowu as soon as possible?

As the cable just came to hand, I am hastening to pass along the information with the hope that you will give me a very prompt reply.

Congratulations to you!

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

OCT 21 1941

339 E. 29th St.
Baltimore, Md.
Oct. 20, 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am grateful for your letter of Oct. 18th which reached me an hour ago. I am indeed thankful that the University is willing to pay my way to Shaowu.

Prior to the recent communications with you, I thought I was not going to Fukien right away; therefore, I have been engaged in a job here. I promised to work until the end of December. Now, this news of sailing home has changed the situation. However, I feel that it is not fair for me to leave the job too son, because they need me badly too. So the compromise is that they will let me go at the end of November. Will that be alright?

In the meantime, I'll visit as many colleges as possible for the purpose of observation, and I must purchase several good history text-books for the University.

You may be pleased to know that I have already obtained my Ph. D. degree in September. Please kindly let me know concerning the sailing schedule to China. I have my things in Washington, so I'll have to start my journey from that city. Do you think I need clergy certificates? If so, please send me the ones I have returned. Thank you very much for all the trouble.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Julia I.W. Chen

Julia I.W. Chen.

October 22, 1941

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
339 East 29th Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Miss Chen:

We are acknowledging your letter of October 20th.

We have talked with the American President Lines, and the best they can do about a reservation around the end of November is to put you on the waiting list for the December 1st sailing, as the boat is very heavily booked at the present time. They can make a definite reservation for January 9th, but not any sooner than this.

In this connection we are asking you to fill in the enclosed blank and return to our office. We in turn will forward same to the American President Lines office.

Congratulations upon the securing of your Ph.D. degree last month.

You will find your Eastern and Western clergy certificates, which you will need for your trip across the continent.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us if we can be of any assistance to you.

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:RC

Acting Executive Secretary

ACK
10/24

339 E. 29th St.
Baltimore, Md.
Oct. 23, 1941

Dear Mr. Evans:

Many thanks for your letter of Oct. 22, and the Eastern and Western clergy certificates. I am sorry that the boat for December 1st sailing is very heavily booked. However, if I could get a definite reservation for Jan. 9th, it will be alright for me. The only thing I have in mind now is the University work. I wish that President Lin would realize the difficulty of securing passage to the Orient.

Please kindly keep me posted regarding my sailing date. Does the steamer require a vaccination certificate? Sometimes certain lines require both small pox and cholera preventions. How many do the American President Lines need?

Enclosed you will find the blanks which I have filled and thank you for forwarding the same to the A. P. L. office.

I deeply appreciate your kind assistance.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,
Julia H. Chen

October 24, 1941

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
339 East 29th Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Miss Chen:

Your letter of the 23rd has been received, together with the blank for the American President Lines. The blank has been duly forwarded to the company.

We will keep you posted as to your sailing date. The American President Lines has contacted their San Francisco office in an effort to secure a definite sailing for you, but have had no reply as yet. As soon as we hear from them, we will let you know. We feel quite sure that President Lin is acquainted with conditions at the present time, as they face the same problems when sending someone out of the country.

The American President Lines states that only the small pox vaccination is essential, but they suggest that for your own protection you also secure the cholera innoculation.

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:RC

Acting Executive Secretary

November 7, 1941.

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
339 East 29th Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Miss Chen:

We have secured a reservation for you on the American President Lines. This is a first class accommodation, including bath, and the room number is 14, sailing December 26th from San Francisco to Manila.

At the present time they are not accepting any reservations beyond Manila and all tickets are sold on this basis.

We trust this reservation will be acceptable and that you will be able to finish up your work here satisfactorily. We find that if you could not sail at this time, there will be no opportunity until Feb. 27th. We felt that under present uncertain conditions it would be definitely to your advantage to take the December sailing.

Please do not hesitate to cll upon us at any time, if we can be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

CAE:MM

C. A. Evans

Dutch line to Shanghai

339 E. 29th St.
Baltimore, Md.
Nov. 8, 1941

Ack 11/10

Mr. C. A. Evans,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you very kindly for your letter of Nov. 7th informing me about the reservation and the date for sailing from S.F. to Manila.

What is the name of this President Liner? When this steamer stops at Manila, will it continue its voyage to Shanghai? If not, that means I have to change boat in Manila. Do you know whether there are steamers running from that place to Shanghai? If not, I shall not be able to return China. Then what is the use for me leaving this country? Will you please find out for me the real situation. I do wish that the liner will take me straight to Shanghai, because I know nobody in Manila who might assist me in securing passage home.

I wonder ~~that~~ whether I need to secure a visa for stopping at Manila.

I am so pleased with the accomodation that you have reserved for me. Let me offer you my deep gratitude. Is it a single room? If it is, I want to ask you a great favor. That is, I have a friend who also is a Hwa Nan graduate and wants to return China too. But she does not have much money to travel. If it is a single room for myself only, then may be she can share it with me. Of course, she is willing to pay some money, but can not afford to pay the first class rate. Will you be so kind as to inquire about the proposition from the steam~~er~~ship company whether it will be possible, and how much she has to pay? I appreciate your trouble very much. At the same time, I shall enjoy her company home. She is also intending to work in the Christian institutions in China.

Allow me to thank you again for all your kind assistance.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Julia I.H. Chen

Julia I.H. Chen.

2 other Chinese ladies in room

$350 freighter

November 10, 1941

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
339 East 29th Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Miss Chen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 8th, and we are hastening to answer and clear up some of the questions which have come to your mind.

We regret that it is not possible to give you the name of the ship, ad due to the present war emergency, the company does not divulge this information. This is strictly a formality and has no real significance.

There is every chance that your steamer will continue on to Hongkong and that it will not be necessary for you to disembark. But in the event that conditions are such that you will be able to go only as far as Manila, you (and other passengers) will have no difficulty in getting to Hongkong. The Dutch Lines operate a line between Manila and Shanghai at very regular intervals, and this short trip could be made easily in this manner.

You will not need a special visa for Manila, as your American vise covers the Philippine Islands.

We have checked with the American President Lines and find that you will share a room with two other Chinese ladies. It would be very impossible for your friend to share your room, even if you had a room all for yourself, as you can understand that each passage must be secured in the usual manner. If she cannot manage to secure a sailing at the same time, and does not have money for a first-class ticket, the possibilities of sailing on a freighter might be well worth exploring. These accommodations cost around $350., but of course the demand for them is large and it is not easy to secure a reservation.

Please do not hesitate to write us again when you feel we can be of assistance to you.

Very sincerely yours,

C/E:RC

Acting Executive Secretary

November 13, 1941

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Miss Julia I. H. Chen is a regular member of the staff at Fukien Christian University.

Fukien Christian University is a missionary institution founded and chiefly supported by the following Mission Boards:

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Church Missionary Society
Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church
Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America

We believe Miss Chen is fully entitled to receive the regular missionary discount.

Very truly yours,

CAE:RC

Acting Executive Secretary

339 E. 29th St.
Baltimore, Md.
Nov. 13, 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am grateful for your letter of Nov. 10th. Thank you very much for your kind information. Even if the ship takes me to Hongkong, I can not go there. As I have mentioned in my previous letters I am not fit to fly. From Hongkong to China nowadays the only safe way is to fly.

The other way, as you have mentioned, is to disembark and change boat in Manila to go to Shanghai. I thought that was the best and only way for me to go to Shaowu from that port.

Some friends coming from Shanghai recently told me three nights ago that Shanghai is in the terrible situation. The reign of terror, robbery, and many other horrible crimes are prevailing under the Japanese rule. Many Shanghai people have fled elsewhere. They pleaded with me not to go there. Yesterday I also received an air-mail letter from my aunt in Shanghai urging me not to enter that port. Besides, she said there is no safe communication from Shanghai to Shaowu. Since the American marines have withdrawn from Shanghai things have become from bad to worse. She earnestly advised me not to go back now, because I can hardly reach Shaowu anyway.

Honestly, I lost much sleep during the last few nights, and so much worried that I don't know what to do. It seems that conditions are against me at the present time, and I may never get back China in the near future. I guess I have to leave everything to the Providence. Please excuse me in case I give up the desire of returning to China under the circumstances. When I think of that, I feel sick because I realize how much F.C.U. is needing my humble service, and how much trouble you have taken for my sake. However, I shall always remember your kind assistance.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Julia H. Chen

Julia Chen.

Can Rep wire until Nov. 26

November 15, 1941

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11/21/41

Miss Julia I.H. Chen
339 East 29th Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Miss Chen:

Your letter of November 13th has caused me great uneasiness. It was my thought that everything was arranged whereby you could start for China at an early date, and that as the way opened you would be able to get into Shaowu. That is the situation which has prevailed in every instance. There has never been a clear road opened for any of the people who were returning. If you are not willing to return under these conditions, there seems to be only one course to pursue, and that is for us to cancel the sailing and notify the field that you are unwilling to take the chances incident to travel. But we earnestly hope that this will not be necessary.

I recognize the fact that these are extraordinarily difficult times. I can well realize how conditions here in America, where there is comparative peace, are much more attractive than in a war-torn country such as China. But each one of us has a contribution to make to this whole program, and it is for you to determine what your part is, and then with courage face it and proceed in the fulfilment of your purpose.

You must recall that after considerable difficulty and expense we cabled the field to clear the way for your return to Fukien. After securing this additional concession, we have your ticket in hand, and quite naturally we must know definitely what your position is to be within a week.

May I add that of all of the students and faculty, including Chinese as well as American and British missionaries, not one has suffered any great hardship on their return to China. I am quite convinced that conditions are nowhere nearly as bad as they have been depicted to you. Similarly we have heard stories of the great hardships one must endure; but in the end we have always received word from the field that they were far less difficult than anticipated.

While I am saying this, it is quite possible that events on the Pacific will decide the whole issue. That is why many Chinese studying in America have returned this fall, feeling that they would be much worse off in America than in China did real hostilities break out. May the good Lord be with you in making this decision, which I am sure you will understand is quite necessary to be made at a very early date.

Very sincerely yours,

Acting Executive Secretary

CAE:RC

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339 E. 29th St.
Baltimore, Md.
Nov. 21, 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of Nov. 15th is at hand. I was sick for the last few days; so I could not reply earlier. Your letter has caused me great uneasiness too. Since you have been so straight-forward to me, I must be frank with you too.

Please do not presume a moment that I am happy here or prefer to stay in this country any longer despite ~~of~~ its comparative peaceful conditions, for I have been in America long enough and have encountered great many hardships which I have never met in my life. It was because of education that I came and have spent thousands of dollars of gold in this country. Now, I have finished my studies, and after the invitation of the F.C.U. was declined, I have been expecting to leave since the end of September for Singapore where my people have lived for a number of years. As a matter of fact everything is ready except waiting for the boat to sail in early January. To tell the truth my father strongly disapproves of my going to occupied China, and his air-mail letters always urged me to return Singapore where attractive positions are waiting for me. In terms of money I can earn about ten times as much as I will in Fukien. But I still like to go to China. Therefore, when the F.C.U. cabled to ask my re-consideration, I was willing to comply with it, for I want to serve my people in China inspite of war-time difficulties and meager salary.

My father agrees to my going to Free China where though Japanese bombs may harm us but order and protection are maintained by our own Government. I would not have hesitated a moment if I were going there. I know myself several Chinese students and missionaries have gone back to Free China during the fall, where one at least can enjoy freedom and avoid molestation. However, in occupied areas the situation is entirely different where reign of terror, outrage, and looting prevail for no responsible protection of life and property can be secured. Even months ago, many American missionaries have been evacuated from occupied territories. Why, dont they have the courage to face the Japanese? Your letter tried to convince me that conditions are nowhere nearly as bad as they have depicted to me. I hope you are right; but the awful scenes were not spread by the propagandists, and were described by responsible Chinese and Americans, including your missionaries, who have personally experienced and witnessed them.

As a Chinese citizen, I have not failed my duty. Ever since the break of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, I have worked constantly for my country's cause. During the last two months especially I have been unusually busy speaking to not less than 13 churches, a dozen of associations, and several thousands of American people know more about China's culture and her war of

resistance. They invariably told me that I can do more for China here than going home in such conditions. Some even offered jobs for me to stay. Nevertheless, I have determined to go home where I belong.

In fact, there has not been and still is not a clear way for me to get into Shaowu, for not only no boat will take me straight to Shanghai, but I have to pass through the occupied regions. Last time the reason I declined to go was because that the steamer you arranged took me only to Manila and must change boat to Hongkong. This time again the steamer will drop me off there. It is very unfortunate that I am a person of fragile health, weighing only 80 pounds, and a very bad sailor. Hence, I dislike to debark and change boat in the midway where I know nobody who can lend me aid. Furthermore, at first I was not informed of the changing situations in Shanghai, and I did not realize that the President Lines will not sail to that port any longer. After I knew the difficulty in traveling, I sought the company of my friend. Since she can not secure the passage in the same boat, I have to travel alone. In peaceful times, I don't mind traveling by myself and I have done so many a time. But under these circumstances, can you blame a young girl who hesitates to travel alone through the enemy-occupied regions?

At any rate, since I have promised the F.C.U. to join its staff, I'll not break my word. I am determined to go to Shaowu despite difficulties ahead. Even in my last letter I did not definitely give up the hope of returning China. But only the awful news have shocked me and I could not help to get worried. Now I am feeling better.

Your ticket only takes care of me to Manila. Where can I obtain passage from Manila to Shaowu? I have no idea how much it will cost me. Regarding the railway ticket to the West Coast, what is your plan about it?

Sorry to trouble you with such a long letter. But my only hope is to try to clear up your misunderstandings about me.

Sincerely yours,

Julia I.H. Chen

Julia I.H. Chen.

November 24, 1941

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
339 East 29th Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Miss Chen:

Just last night I was reading through the Fukien correspondence, and I ran across two large paragraphs telling how important it is for you to come to Fukien Christian University.

Your letter of November 21st indicates that you have a keen desire to go to Shaowu, but that there are factors involved which seem to make it difficult. There is no question in my mind that you could be of great value in America were it possible for you to stay on; but unfortunately the way would be rather difficult under present circumstances, unless you had some special arrangement which would give you an opportunity for an indefinite stay.

Right here may I say that the situation now appears so grave that opportunities for sailing to any part of the Orient may be practically impossible.

I take it that you have concluded that you will go to Fukien Christian University provided that we have your railway ticket and steamship ticket through to Shaowu. The best that can be done at the present time is the sailing which we have for you on December 26th, on which steamer Mr. Yang Hsin-Pao also has passage. These sailings have been upset greatly of late, and it is not definite even yet that this boat will carry passengers. If conditions permit, I understand that you are willing to accept this passage by way of Manila, with the assurance that you will be able to negotiate the rest of the way with the help of Mr. Yang Hsin-Pao.

In this assurance we are proceeding to make the proper arrangements for your railroad and steamship tickets, with the reservation of course that if the boat sailings are cancelled, we will let you know immediately. It might be advantageous for us to know if you have any preference regarding the route from Baltimore to the West Coast. Presumably you would prefer to go either by the central or southern route, but we will await your advice on this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:RC

Acting Executive Secretary

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339 E. 29th St.
Baltimore, Md.
Nov. 28, 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letter of Nov. 24th. I am very pleased to know that Mr. Yang Hsin Pao is taking the same boat home. If he is a F.C.U. graduate, I know him quite well. He was a good singer, and we used to belong to the same choir of the "Heavenly Peace" church in Foochow. Do you know which part of China is he returning? It would be just grand if he also plans to enter Fukien province.

Regarding the route to the West Coast, I must return to Washington, D.C. first because I have left all my luggage there. I am only visiting with my cousins now. So I have to start the journey from that city. I have inquired about the routes for I like the most scenic one. Friends agreed that the Santa Fe route will be the best. It passes Los Angeles and other cities. What do you advise? Last time I came through the northern route, so I really know nothing about the central and southern routes. You know better than I do, and please choose the one you think best.

I have the clergy certificates which will help to reduce the fare. I hope it will not cost too much.

Sincerely yours,

Julia I. H. Chen

Julia I.H. Chen.

December 1, 1941

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
339 East 29th Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Miss Chen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 28th.

We are hastening to reply and reassure you regarding Mr. Yang Hsin-Pao. Mr. Yang is a graduate of Fukien Christian University, and is now returning to Shaowu to accept a teaching position at the request of Dr. C. J. Lin. So you can see that Mr. Yang is bound for exactly the same destination, and we trust this fact will relieve your fears regarding travel.

We will be happy to procure your railway tickets for you, and in this connection please send us your Eastern and Western clergy books, with two coupons signed by you in each one. Please also sign your name on the cover, so we will have no difficulty in negotiating same for you. If you will let us know what stops en route you desire to make, we can proceed with the purchase of the ticket.

Please do not hesitate to call upon us if you feel we can be of any assistance to you.

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:RC

Acting Executive Secretary

letter from Amer. President Lines Dec. 4

December 5, 1941

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
339 East 29th Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Miss Chen:

We are enclosing herewith copy of a letter received from the American President Lines this morning, together with five copies of the Alien Departure Rermit Application, which we trust you will fill out as indicated and send to Washington, D. C.

We trust you will take care of this matter promptly.

With sincere personal regards, we are

Cordially yours,

CAE:RC
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Acting Executive Secretary

339 E. 29th St.
Baltimore, Md.
Dec. 7, 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letters of Dec. 1 and 4. I was out of town for a few days; therefore the reply has been delayed. Your last letter arrived yesterday morning. The application for the alien departure permit requires five signed photographs not smaller than 2 x 2 nor larger than 3 x 3 inches. I did not have the photos, so I had to take some. They will be ready on Monday afternoon. Since my alien registration card is in Washington, I have to go there personally to get the number. But according to the application that it must be sent to the Secretary of State at least 30 days before the date of the applicant's intended departure from the U. S. Now, I have tried my best to comply with the requirement as fast as possible; but there are only 19 days before the intended departure from the West Coast. I don't know whether they will give me any permit.

This afternoon in the tea party I talked to a missionary just returned from Nanking. She said that when she left China, there was no communication from Shanghai to Fukien. Several days ago I saw a former teacher of mine who has recently returned from Yenping, Fukien where Hwa Nan is now located. She said that it was difficult for her to get out. The coast has been blockaded. The only boat operating between Hongkong and Amoy, the occupied port, belongs to the Japanese. Since she must get out, she was forced to take the Japanese boat, and she as well as other Americans have been shamefully insulted. She doubted that the Japanese will let me in anyway.

Now the arrogant Japanese have launched a surprise attack on the American soil and killed the American lives. Besides, Nippon has declared war against the U. S. I wonder whether the American boat will sail on Dec. 26th. Do you think I can still go?

Sincerely yours,
Julia I.H. Chen
Julia I.H. Chen.

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December 16, 1941

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Miss Julia I. H. Chen
339 East 29th Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Miss Chen:

Your letter of the 7th has not been answered as we desired to give you more definite information regarding the possible sailings for the Orient. I have some very definite convictions right now regarding these possibilities, to the effect that if the boat sails on December 26th, it will definitely be convoyed by the American navy. This morning I learned that for more than three months practically all of the shipping on the Pacific has been under convoy of the navy.

However, I think that any boats sailing for China or available for China will be used as transports rather than for passenger traffic. If this proves to be true, your sailing on the 26th will be indefinitely postponed. We have your ticket here in the safe, and it has been paid for, but that does not necessarily mean that it can be used. The money must be refunded if there is no sailing.

Telegrams from Foochow indicate that Fukien is carrying on as usual, and that the property and the campus on the Min River has not been damaged.

We have asked the American President Lines to keep us informed of the prospects of a sailing, and we will let you know when we have any information available.

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:RC

Acting Executive Secretary

December 19, 1941

Miss Julia I. H. Chen
339 East 29th Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Miss Chen:

We have received a letter from your friend, Miss Virginia Ts'ien, informing us that you are ill and acknowledging our recent letter to you. We trust that you are feeling better now and will continue to improve.

In view of your health situation, we agree with Miss Ts'ien that it would be best to cancel your reservation for December 26th. We are writing to the American President Lines today, asking them to issue a refund covering your ticket. See

As things now stand, there is every probability of your not being able to get to China for some time. It would seem the better part of wisdom therefore for you to wait until things are more definitely clear. We will notify the field that there is no possibility of your going out now, or in the summer, unless there is a very drastic change in conditions.

With the hope that you will recover rapidly, I am

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:RC

Acting Executive Secretary

University of Pennsylvania

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Physics	Theoretical Dynamics	3	xxx
Physics	Electromagnetic Theory of Light	3	xxx
Physics	Introduction to Mathematical Physics	3	xxx
Physics	General Laboratory Course	4	xxx
Physics	Theory of the Potential Function	xxx	3
Physics	Topics in Advanced Dynamics	xxx	3
Physics	Electromagnetic Theory of Light	xxx	3
Physics	General Laboratory Course	xxx	2
Physics	Laboratory Arts	xxx	1
	1929-30		
Physics	Thermodynamics	2	xxx
Physics	Application of Fourier Series to Physical Problems	3	xxx
Physics	The Mathematical Theory of Electricity and Magnetism	2	xxx
Physics	Theory of Spectra	2	xxx
Physics	Specialized Laboratory Work	3	3
Physics	Harmonic Analysis Applied to Physical Problems	xxx	3
Physics	Theory of Alternating Currents	xxx	2
Physics	Electron Theory	xxx	2
Physics	Radiation and the Quantum Theory	xxx	2
	1930-31		
Physics	The New Quantum Theory	3	xxx
Physics	Kinetic Theory of Gases	Auditor	xxx
Physics	Application of the New Quantum Theory to Atomic Problems	xxx	3
Physics	Theory of Relativity	xxx	Auditor

The degree of Master of Science was conferred upon him on June 19, 1929 and that of Doctor of Philosophy on June 20, 1934.

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*A semester credit represents one hour a week for a semester in lecture or recitation, or two hours a week for a semester of laboratory work.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

December 18, 1934

President C. J. Lin
Foochow Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Dr. Lin:

I am writing to commend to you Dr. Shih Chang Chen who was formerly a teacher in the Department of Physics here at Howard while engaged in his research at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Chen's services were eminently satisfactory. He has an exceptionally bright mind, pleasing personality, and is extraordinarily industrious. He was well liked by everyone with whom he came in contact, and exceptionally popular with serious students. He is considered here at Howard as an excellent example of the teacher type.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Coleman

Frank Coleman
Head
Dept. of Physics

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UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
THE COLLEGE

Randal Morgan Laboratory of Physics

Philadelphia

December 21 1934

President C.J.Lin,
Fukien Christian University,
Foochow, China.

Dear President Lin;

I understand that Mr.S.C.Chen has been in contact with you with reference to a possible teaching position in your University. Dr.Chen has been with us at Pennsylvania for a number of years and has proven himself to be an unusually able and energetic young man. It is my opinion that he would give entire satisfaction in teaching university mathematics or physics both because of his undoubted mastery of these subjects and also on the grounds of personality.

Dr.Chen pursued and completed his thesis work under my direction and showed in connection with this work qualities of perseverance,skill and critical judgment which give good promise of his continued progress in research. He has had the advantage of considerable experience in teaching graduate classes at Howard University,Washington,D.C. which demonstrates that he is already in position to direct or supervise advanced work.Dr.Chen has strong mathematical qualifications and this,I think,guarantees a sound approach to the problems of physics in whatever field he interests himself.

I have no hesitation in recommending Dr.Chen with no reservations whatever. I understand that your visit to Pennsylvania is to be on Sunday at which time I shall be absent and I shall not have,therfore,the pleasure of meeting you.Perhaps at some future time the conditions may be more propitious so that I may be able to show you about our laboratories.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles B Bazzoni

C.B.Bazzoni,
Professor of Experimental Physics.

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Randal Morgan Laboratory of Physics

December 21, 1934.

Dr. C. J. Lin,
President, Fukien Christian University,
Foochow, China.

Dear Doctor Lin:-

I am writing to you concerning Dr. S. C. Chen, who I understand is applying for a position in Fukien Christian University.

I have known Dr. Chen for about five years. He has taken a number of my graduate courses in mathematical and theoretical physics, in all of which he distinguished himself by the uniform high quality of his work. His grades were always among the highest in the class. I think he has a very high degree of ability for mathematics and mathematical physics, although his research for his thesis was experimental. He is also painstaking, thorough, and reliable. His training therefore fits him for either experimental or mathematical work, which will be an asset both in teaching and research.

On the basis of character and personality I would also rate him very high, so that I can recommend him without reservation.

Sincerely yours,

Enos E. Witmer

Enos E. Witmer,
Assistant Professor of Physics.

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Fukien Christian University

January 18, 1935

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Dr. W. Y. Chen
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Doctor Chen:

President Lin suggests that we send you the enclosed recommendations regarding Dr. S. C. Chen, whom you are considering as a possible appointee for next year. We are holding the originals in our files to save postage.

We are all pleased to learn how well you are carrying on in the absence of President Lin. Yesterday Dr. Hodous was in the office and gave us a very glowing account of your activities at Fukien.

Very cordially yours,

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Physics Laboratory
U. of P. Phila Pa
March 7, 1935

Dear C. J.

I am glad to have received your letter of Feb. 21, together with the enclosed letter of Jan. 11. Regarding my plan next year, I think I'll be able to make my decision in a few weeks. From what you have told me in person, I can plainly see that work in Tokio ought to be very pleasant. In case I should decide to join you, I trust we will have ~~some~~ enough time to prepare for the work in the fall.

At the present, I am staying with the family where I get free room and board. Then I also do some work for the professor to get some spending money. I just manage to get along; as I can manage somehow, I hate to borrow any money - now. I might have to seek for a loan when I go back. Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.

The other day, I gave a lecture on "Modern Physical Concepts" to the Science class of West Chester Teacher's College. I rather enjoyed this experience.

MAR 7 1935

How is the family? Please give them my best regards.

Chester & I join me in bringing you their best wishes.

Fraternally

Henry

226 S. 38 St.
Phila. Pa.
March 12, 1935

Dear C. J.

While I was talking to you yesterday evening, it seemed that I was quite sure of my decision. But when I came back and thought it over again, I am not so sure of myself. I shall be very frank with you, and express my thoughts very freely. I hope you'll excuse me.

As you know, I was baptized and joined the methodist faith, while I was in Soochow University. Since I came out seven years ago, my contacts with all types of people in the Country have changed my impression of the missionary movement to a great extent. Of course, I believe in the teachings of Christ, but become skeptic with regard to the organization representing Him. I wish you would advise me and help me in this matter. However, I like to have a little time in which I might study this question and know myself better. I think you would agree with me that it is an important problem, and grant me a certain delay in my final decision.

Fraternally,
Henry

226 S. 38 St.
Phila Pa.
March 15, 1935.

Dear C.J.

I hope that you have received my last letter, and have read it with much consideration and indulgence. Kindly excuse if I have been too abrupt. My present attitude towards religion is a more liberal one than I used to have. I believe in the preaching the Gospel of Life, be it the words of Christ, Confucius or Buddha, and I do not attach any significance to ceremonies. In such a frame of mind, could I be of most service to the University? That's what I want to find out. Hope you would advise me in this matter.

Fraternally,
Henry

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March 18, 1935

Dr. Henry Chen
Physics Laboratory
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Henry:

Many thanks for your letter of March 12th. I was glad to have the opportunity of a prolonged talk with you at Dr. Tyson's home when I was in Philadelphia. I was very pleased with your fine spirit with regard to your thought of work at Fukien. I hope that everything will be satisfactory to you, and that before long you will give me your final answer.

In your letter to me you mention about your thought about religion. I do not think that it is a matter of any importance so far as your work with us is concerned. We have never inquired into the creedal or doctrinal beliefs of anyone of our staff or students. I am glad that you believe in the teachings of Christ, and that is sufficient for us, for we do believe that persons who have the ideals of Jesus for their life goal, will be of greater service to our people, for we know that they have the ideals of service through sacrifice.

We really are no more of the old missionary type of educational institution. We are representing a new Christian movement in China, and we in our educational service try to express our Christian ideals of life in our teaching and other fields of service to our country. Of course, as I told you, we do not compel either our staff or our students to attend our Chapel service or to take bible study courses. We do not believe in compulsion. What we do hope is that through our personal leading we shall be able to convey our Christian spirit to the younger persons who come into contact with us, so that they may brodden their vision of life and probably shape their course of conduct and activities in the light of the teachings of Jesus.

I hope the above statements will clear whatever doubt you may have in your mind. When we select our teaching staff, we place our main emphasis on the personal character and scholarship, and not on what he may hold in his opinions on religion, or politics, or any other things. I know you are a man of strong character, with a fine spirit for service and for the search of truth, and I know of your excellent training both in China and in America. By your joining us we shall be able to greatly strengthen our service in higher education to our people and country.

Kindly let me have your letter of acceptance to our offer, and also let me know whether or not you are moving from your old place, and what is your plan for the next two or three months. Please be assured that I am always glad to be of any assistance to you while you are still studying at the University of Pennsylvania.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours fraternally,

C. J. Lin

CJL:HV

April 4, 1935

Dr. Henry Chen
Physics Department
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Henry:

I hopy you will write me soon about your decision to join our work at Fukien. If there are any questions that are still not clear to you, kindly let me know and I shall be glad to explain same to you. I am sure you will enjoy working with us.

A definite word from you about your acceptance will be greatly appreciated.

Yours fraternally,

C. J. Lin

CJL:HV

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April 9, 1935

Dr. Henry Chen
226 South 38th Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Henry:

I was glad to have you come in to the office yesterday, and to get your final decision of accepting our appointment as a lecturer in the Department of Physics and Mathematics, at Fukien Christian University, Foochow, China, beginning July 1st, 1935. I am sure you will find your work with us pleasant and of great service to our University, as well as to the training of future leaders for our country.

Your appointment will be for one year, ending June 30th, 1936, according to our regular practice for a new appointment. The contract is renewable one month before the end of the old contract, and I am sure after your year's work there we will find it worthwhile to continue our relationship.

Your monthly salary will be two hundred dollars Chinese national currency ~~per month~~, and twelve months for the year. The University will also undertake to pay your traveling expenses between Soochow and Foochow. Your living quarters at the University will be furnished you without rent; you only have to pay for the electric light which you use, and your own board and laundry. Besides, the University will also provide for your medical service for which the University is paying a definite amount of money to our visiting college physician. When we terminate the contract we will pay your traveling expenses back to Soochow.

The teaching load for our staff is generally about fifteen credit hours per week. Laboratory periods are also counted into these teaching credit hours. Our staff members are also welcome and expected to serve in faculty committees and help in any way with the student life of the University. Of course, you will too, in any way possible, strengthen the spirit and work of the institution by your loyal cooperation.

I am glad to know that you are planning to go back to China through Europe. I am sure you will be greatly profited by this travel. I also hope that you will have a chance to see a number of other institutions, both around Philadelphia, and in the Southern part of the United States.

Kindly let me know your schedule of your trip so that we may reach you in case we have some urgent message for you. I hope you will be in Foochow before the end of August so that you can get yourself acquainted with the laboratories, and other arrangements on the campus.

You were good enough to promise to send to me a plan for the development of our Physics and Mathematics Department. I should like to have your statement as early as possible so that I may send it to China for consideration. If you have any definite suggestions as to what courses you are prepared to teach for next year, and the books which you will need, kindly also let me know.

I suppose you will need some money for your traveling expenses back to China. As I told you that we will be glad to advance whatever salary is necessary, and you suggested that you may need about U.S.$200, we could advance this sum to you as an advancement for your July and August salary at the current rate of exchange between Chinese money and the U. S. dollar. If there is anything further that I can do to be of service to you, kindly let me know.

As we have talked over many of these things stated above several times, you will consider this letter as our form of contract.

Again I wish to express to you my personal pleasure in having you join us in our work at Fukien Christian University, and to assure you once more of my cooperation in whatever way possible to make your work at Fukien most profitable to yourself and to the institution which we all serve.

Yours fraternally,

C. J. Lin

CJL:HV

Travel money — Henry Chen
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Rate of exchange —)(

226 S. 38 St.
Phila Pa
April 11, 1935.

Dear C. J.

Your letter of April 9 was duly received. As yet, my plans for the European trip have not been definitely decided. As you suggested, booking the passage thru your office might give me a lower rate. I wish you would find out the cost of such a trip, which consists of third class accomodation from New York to Southampton, and tourist class from Genoa to Shanghai. Probably the North German Lloyd line would be the best to approach. I suppose there will be any reduction on continental rail fares. The price quoted by the Phila office is around $260.00

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About the general plan for the department, and the courses I am ready to give next term, I shall submit them to you sometime next week.

I would like very much to visit a number of educational & industrial institutions in the South & the Midwest. I wonder if there is any possibility of a little financial help from the University in the form of travelling expenses.

Even with ~~the~~ advancement of yield $200.00, I doubt if I could finance this American tour. Possibly, I could give a number of talks in colleges & other institutions, and get certain compensations. Do you think it possible?

Please give me a schedule of your trip in this country, so that I can reach you in case of any important matter coming up unexpectedly.

Best regards to the family.

Fraternally,

Henry

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ARRIVING SHANGHAI SEPTEMBER 5 TOO LATE I HAVE TO VISIT MY MOTHER AT SOOCHOW AND MY BROTHER AT TSINGTAO TENTATIVE BOOKING ON POTSDAM ARRIVING AUGUST 8=

HENRY S C CHEN.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

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226 S. 38 St.
Phila. Pa.
April 18, 1935.

Dear C. J.

Glad to have received your letter of the twelfth. I believe that rates quoted to me by North German Lloyd seems to be the lowest so far. Third class from N.Y. to Southampton costs $89.00, and tourist class from Naples to Shanghai, around $170.00. The exact fare fluctuates somewhat, depending on the current price of the reichmark. In order to get to Shanghai before the end of August, I have to take the liner "Potsdam" from Naples, & to give me plenty of time in Europe, I'll probably leave New York around May 18.

Easter vacation in the University starts today. I did plan to go to the South this morning. But as you are coming to Phila on April 23 to talk over various matters with me, I shall postpone the trip. Unfortunately, I have to be in Phila on May 4, on that date, I am giving a farewell party to all my friends in Phila. That would mean a ~~three~~ less than nine day trip in the South, if I should decide to take one. It might turn out that I shall take one after all.

* Sent to W. Y. Chen April 22, 1935. CJ

Inclosed, please find a tentative list* of the courses which the physics-mathematics department would give. As to the courses I shall give next term, they will be chosen from the list, depending on the demands of the students & other considerations, such as prerequisites etc. I shall send you a more detailed list later.

Fraternally, Henry.

Mr. Henry S. C. Chen

requests the pleasure of your company at a

Farewell Recital and Dance

Saturday evening, May fourth

at eight-thirty o'clock

Memorial Hall, Christian Association Building

3601 Locust Street

Philadelphia

R. S. V. P.
3903 Spruce Street

Fukien

S.C. Chew

226 S. 38 St.
Phila Pa
May 9, 1935.

Dear C.Y.

This letter might to catch you in New York.

On May 3rd, I received a check for $150.00. As my boat sails on Aug 17 (midnight), I am planning to come to New York on the evening of Aug 15 or Aug. 16. I would like to see you in your office in the afternoon of Aug. 17, say 3 o'clock. I wonder if you would be in New York on that date. I am like to have an advancement of 150 dollars more, if it is not too much trouble. You could send me a check, or I could personally receive the amount when I come to New York.

Fraternally,
Henry

Henry S.C. Chew

May 10, 1935

Dr. Henry S. C. Chen
226 South 58th Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Henry:

I have your letter of the 9th in which you state that you will be sailing on August 17th, which is probably a mistake on your part as it must be May 17th. If you come to New York on May 15th or 16th, I shall be here to meet you at the office. I would suggest that you call me up here at 150 Fifth Avenue, (Watkins 9-8703) in the morning of May 15th for in the afternoon I have to go to Hartford, or the afternoon of May 16th when we shall have our Board of Trustees meeting in New York. It is also likely that I may be here on Friday, May 17th.

We shall be glad to make a further advancement of $150.00. The check will be ready when you are here. Should you like to have the money earlier, let me know and I can leave word to our office to send you a check for the amount.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

CJL:HV

D.S. Campbell

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5 Gordon St. W.C. 1
London, England
May 26, 1935.

Dear C.P.

After a pleasant trip across the Atlantic Harry & I have safely arrived in London. Europa is a very good boat, and the service is remarkable. Food in third class is excellent. The only trouble is that the passengers are all Germans, and you hear very little English. The officers all speak English of course, but they do use a lot of German too.

We are doing some sight seeing in London and its suburbs. So far the weather has been very nice. I hope it shall remain so. Harry is to remain here till the first part of July. If you plan to come to London in June, you can ask him to meet you at the train. (Send a telegram to him after you land at Southampton & tell him what station in London you will arrive.) However if come in July, you can get Franklin's brothers, N. L. Lieu, Wei or N. L. Brother. Their address is

43 Quadrant Close
Watford Way
Hendon, N.W. 4
London

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I shall see him on coming Wednesday and I shall tell him about your arrival.

I hope I have enough money to carry me back to China. Should it be not enough, it would be a question of twenty five or fifty dollars. Would it be all right, if I wire you about it?

Best regards to the whole family.

Affectionately,

Henry

Henry S.C. Chu